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Applicant: Katsuyuki Saito et al.

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For: ENDOSCOPIC IMAGING SYSTEM MAKING IT POSSIBLE TO DETACHABLY
ATTACH EXPANSION UNIT HAVING EXTERNAL EXPANSION FACILITY AND
ADD EXPANSION FACILITY FOR IMPROVING CAPABILITY OF SYSTEM

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed August 22, 2005 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

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SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

1. ☐ If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
2. ☐ If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
3. ☐ If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.
4. ☒ If checked, amendment(s) to the claims are submitted herewith.